

List of Claims:

1 – 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) A laminate comprising a first layer bonded to a second layer comprising a fibrous mat containing a major portion of non-cellulosic fibers having an average fiber diameter of at least about 10 microns and up to 20 microns, the fibrous mat having a coating on a surface, the coating amounting to about 8 to about 20 grams per square foot, the coating having an exposed surface having a surface smoothness Ra of no greater than about 13 microns, the coating comprising a filler comprising a minor amount of clay, a minor amount of polymeric binder and a major amount of inorganic filler, at least 95 wt. percent of the particles of clay and inorganic filler having a particle size of less than 200 mesh .

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 24 wherein the coating comprises about 10 to about 20 wt. percent clay, about 5 to about 15 wt. percent polymeric binder and about 65 to about 85 wt. percent filler.

27. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 26 wherein the coating comprises kaolin clay and limestone, both having a particle size of at least 95 wt. percent minus 325 mesh.

28. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 27 wherein kaolin is present in an amount of about 12 to about 18 wt. percent and limestone is present in an amount of about 70 to about 80 wt. percent and the kaolin particles are in the range of 1-25 microns.

29. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 26 wherein the fibrous mat is a nonwoven mat comprising glass fibers and a cured polymeric binder bonding the fibers together.

30. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 27 wherein the glass fibers have an average diameter of at least about 11 microns.

31 – 38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 26 wherein the exposed surface of the dry coating has an Ra of no greater than about 10 microns.

40. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 24 wherein the exposed surface of the dry coating has an Ra of no greater than about 10 microns.

41. (Currently amended) The laminate of claim 24 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood and ~~or~~ a wood product.

42. (Currently amended) The laminate of claim 27 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood and ~~or~~ a wood product.

43. (Currently amended) The laminate of claim 26 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood and ~~or~~ a wood product.

44. (Currently amended) The laminate of claim 28 wherein the first layer is selected from the group consisting of paper, metal foil, plastic, fibrous insulation, foam, concrete, gypsum wallboard, a gypsum containing material, ceramic, glass, metal, perlite board, wood and ~~or~~ a wood product.